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ORDER

The 21st May 2025

No.1386-SEC.—The Commission has notified the by-election schedule vide Notification No. 1354 (Zilla Parishad member), 1362 (Panchayat Samiti member), 1369 (Sarpanch and Ward Member), 1376 (De-reservation in the office of Ward member) all dated 20.05.2025. Responses from different quarters of rural Odisha have been received that this year the South West monsoon will hit the State early and which will bring heavy rain fall. The by-election to PRIs conducted in rural areas and the local voters and the contesting candidates may face difficulty during by-election process due to rain. The officials may also face problems due to monsoon rains in movement & logistics.

Therefore, the Commission sought a report from IMD, Bhubaneswar on the matter. The IMD, Bhubaneswar confirmed that there will be heavy rain fall in the State in the month of June and that the South West monsoon is reaching Kerala 4 days earlier this year than usual.

After careful consideration of the facts and the report of IMD, Bhubaneswar, the State Election Commission, Odisha is pleased to order that the aforementioned Notifications are hereby cancelled and that the polls would be held after the rains.

By order and in the name of
State Election Commission, Odisha

(S.K. Dash)
Secretary